

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A longitudinally-endless gasket to be mounted into within a groove ~~portion formed in one of members~~ member to provide sealing between the one member and ~~the other~~ another member when ~~they~~ the one member and the another member are fastened to each other, said gasket comprising:

~~wherein the gasket has~~ a main body having a sectional shape corresponding to a sectional shape of the groove, ~~portion~~ with a ratio (H/W) between ~~the~~ a height (H) of ~~the section~~ said main body in a depth direction of the groove and ~~the~~ a width (W) of ~~the section~~ said main body in a width direction of the groove ~~portion~~ being 0.8 to 5.0; ; and

~~the gasket is provided in a longitudinal direction thereof with a plurality of large projecting portions and a plurality of small projecting portions, each of said large projecting portions formed with from large projections projecting from opposite side faces facing of said main body that are to face opposite inner wall faces of the groove portion toward the opposite inner wall faces of the groove portion, and each of said small projecting portions formed from small projections projecting from said opposite side faces of said main body that are to face the opposite inner wall faces of the groove.~~

~~the wherein adjacent ones of said~~ large projecting portions adjacent to each other in the a longitudinal direction of ~~the gasket~~ said main body are disposed at intervals of 30 to 100 mm, ~~the and~~ a width (R2) of each of ~~the~~ said large projecting portion portions in the width direction of the groove ~~portion being is~~ larger than ~~the~~ a dimension (X) of the groove ~~portion~~ in the width direction by 0.01 mm to 0.9 mm,

~~the wherein adjacent ones of said~~ small projecting portions adjacent to each other, or respective adjacent ones of said and the small projecting portion portions and the said large projecting portion portions, adjacent to each other in the longitudinal direction of ~~the gasket~~ said main body are respectively disposed at intervals of 5 to 15 mm, ~~the and~~ a width (R1) of each of ~~the~~ said small projecting portions in the width direction of the groove ~~portion being is~~ smaller than the dimension (X) of the groove ~~portion~~ in the width direction by 0.01 mm to 0.6 mm such that when the gasket is received within the groove, and prior to the gasket being deformed upon the one member being

fastened to the another member, no portion of said each of said small projecting portions is in contact with the opposite inner wall faces of the groove, and

wherein a filling rate of the groove ~~portion~~ by the gasket when the one member and the ~~other~~ another member are fastened to each other ~~that~~ is 80 to 100%.

2. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The gasket according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:
at least one rib on an upper face and/or a lower face of ~~the gasket~~ said main body
corresponding to ~~the~~ a depth direction of the groove ~~portion is/are provided with (a) rib(s).~~

3. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The gasket according to claim 2 ~~1~~, ~~wherein a plurality of~~ further comprising:

~~ribs are formed in~~ at different positions ~~in along~~ the width direction of the groove ~~portion said~~
main body on ~~the~~ an upper face and/or ~~the~~ a lower face of ~~the~~ said main body gasket.

4. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The gasket according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a sectional shape of
~~the gasket~~ said main body is substantially ~~a rectangle~~ rectangular and corner portions of ~~the rectangle~~
~~are formed to~~ said main body define have acute angles.

5. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The gasket according to claim 2, wherein ~~the~~ a sectional shape of
~~the gasket~~ said main body is substantially ~~a rectangle~~ rectangular and corner portions of ~~the rectangle~~
~~are formed to~~ said main body define have acute angles.

6. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The gasket according to claim 3, wherein ~~the~~ a sectional shape of
~~the gasket~~ said main body is substantially ~~a rectangle~~ rectangular and corner portions of ~~the rectangle~~
~~are formed to~~ said main body define have acute angles.